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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" The zamindar did it under a mistake of fact, thinking that the waste lands were garden land and home-farm land."

Disposal of stocks of handloom clothes in the State.

* 349 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken by this Government for the disposal of the heavy stock of handloom clothes in the co-operative weavers' societies and with the master weavers;

(*b*) whether any orders have been issued to all the Government departments that handloom cloth only should be purchased foı the use of all Government office; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal pending with the State Government to send a committee abroad in connexion with finding out markets for handloom clothes?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) The stocks accumulated with the primary weavers' co-operative societies will have to be disposed of by the societies themselves by reducing the selling price to the market level. The State Handloom Society helps the primaries by purchasing a part of their stock. Similarly, the disposal of the accumulated stocks with the master weavers and other weavers outside the co-operative fold should be their own responsibility. A scheme for purchasing the future output of the weavers outside the co-operative fold at ' Floor Prices ' is engaging the attention of Government.

" (*b*) Government have however issued instructions for encouraging the purchase of handloom cloth to meet the textile requirements of the Government departments.

" (*c*) No, Sir; it is however seen from press reports that the Government of India propose to send one of their officers to the South-East Asian countries to study the market conditions for Indian textiles, including handloom products."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA:—" In view of the fact that the Central Government is now levying a surcharge on mill cloth, are the Government going to draw up a scheme for developing the weaving industry on modern lines, in order to relieve the weavers from their present distress?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, as soon as the Madras Government receive the proposal of the Central Government, it will be examined and a decision come to as to the purpose for which that money should be utilized."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—" Sir, in view of the fact that the goods produced by the co-operative societies under the relief scheme are not finding a market even according to the prices fixed by the committees appointed by the Government, will the

Government consider the desirability of convening a conference of the heads of the various consuming departments and fixing the varieties that can be produced by handlooms as an immediate measure of relief to them?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I have not understood it; I would like the hon. Member to repeat the question."

2-50 p.m. SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:—"Sir, in view of the fact that the goods produced by weavers' co-operative societies under the relief scheme are not finding a market even according to the rates fixed by the Price Committees appointed by the Government, will the Government consider the desirability of convening a conference of the various consuming departmental heads and fixing the varieties that could be produced by handlooms as an immediate measure of relief to them?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Yes, Sir. I can give an assurance to the hon. Member that a conference of the heads of the consuming departments will be called to consider what types will be more suitable and how they can be produced on the handlooms."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI:—"ఈ చేనేత పరిశ్రమ గుడ్డను, రష్యా, చైనానుండి వచ్చిన డబ్బుతోగాని తమ ప్రాంతాలలోని ప్రజలకు ఇవ్వడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ప్రయత్నము చేస్తుందా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"A separate question may be put."

Number of public hospitals in Kollegal taluk.

* 350 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of public hospitals in the Kollegal taluk in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) how many of them have been functioning and how many have not been functioning?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) Seven.

"(*b*) Number functioning—5. Number not functioning—2."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH:—"Sir, will the Government kindly see to the early appointment of the required medical personnel to the local fund hospital in view of the fact that this taluk is far away and is not easily accessible from the other parts of the district?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Attempts will be made to appoint them as early as possible."

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER:—"Sir, may I know whether the closure of many of these institutions in the Kollegal taluk is due to the low scale of pay of the local fund doctors?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"They have been evidently closed for want of doctors."